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Crime prevention and criminal justice

United States of America: amendments to draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.4

Draft United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the draft protocols thereto

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 49/159 of 23 December 1994, by which it approved the Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime, adopted by the World Ministerial Conference on Organized Transnational Crime, held in Naples, Italy, from 21 to 23 November 1994,

Recalling also its resolution 52/85 of 12 December 1997, by which it decided to establish an inter-sessional open-ended intergovernmental group of experts for the purpose of elaborating a preliminary draft of a possible comprehensive international convention against organized transnational crime, which met in Warsaw from 2 to 6 February 1998,

Taking note of the Buenos Aires Declaration on Prevention and Control of Organized Transnational Crime, adopted by the Regional Ministerial Workshop on Follow-up to the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime, held in Buenos Aires from 27 to 30 November 1995,[1] the Dakar Declaration on the Prevention and Control of Organized Transnational Crime and Corruption, adopted by the African Regional Ministerial Workshop on Organized Transnational Crime and Corruption, held in Dakar from 21 to 23 July 1997,[2] and the Manila Declaration on the Prevention and Control of Transnational Crime, adopted by the Asian Regional Ministerial Workshop on Organized Transnational Crime and Corruption, held in Manila from 23 to 25 March 1998,[3]

Recalling its resolution 53/111 of 9 December 1998, by which it decided to establish an open-ended intergovernmental ad hoc committee for the purpose of elaborating a

[1] E/CN.15/1996/2/Add.1, annex.
[2] E/CN.15/1998/6/Add.1, sect. I.
[3] E/CN.15/1998/6/Add.2, sect. I.

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comprehensive international convention against transnational organized crime and of discussing the elaboration, as appropriate, of international instruments addressing trafficking in women and children, combating the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, and illegal trafficking in and transporting of migrants, including by sea,

Convinced of the need to ensure the rapid development and conclusion of the Convention and the protocols thereto,

Recalling the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of a Convention against Transnational Organized Crime on its second session, held in Vienna from 8 to 12 March 1999,[4]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of a Convention against Transnational Organized Crime submitted to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its eighth session,[5] and expresses its appreciation of the results achieved by the Ad Hoc Committee during its first, second and third sessions, held in Vienna from 19 to 29 January, from 8 to 12 March and from 28 April to 3 May 1999, respectively, in the development of the draft United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the draft protocols thereto, addressing trafficking in women and children, combating illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, and illegal trafficking in and transporting of migrants;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Government of Argentina for acting as host to the informal preparatory meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of a Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, held in Buenos Aires from 31 August to 4 September 1998;

3. *Decides* that the additional international instrument being prepared by the Ad Hoc Committee addressing trafficking in women and children should address trafficking in all persons, but especially women and children, and requests the Ad Hoc Committee to make any corresponding changes to the draft instrument;

4. *Requests* the Ad Hoc Committee to continue its work, in accordance with resolutions 53/111 and 53/114 of 9 December 1998, and to intensify its work in order to complete it in the year 2000;

5. *Decides* that the Ad Hoc Committee shall be convened in 2000 as required in order to complete its tasks, holding no fewer than four sessions of two weeks each, according to a schedule to be drawn up;

6. *Requests* the Ad Hoc Committee to schedule sufficient time, subject to the availability of funds from the regular budget or extrabudgetary resources, for the negotiation of the draft protocols addressing trafficking in persons, especially women and children, the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, and illegal trafficking in and transportation of migrants, including by sea, in order to enhance the possibility of their completion at the same time as the draft Convention;

7. *Welcomes* the offer of the International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences to host informal meetings as deemed appropriate to assist the work of the Ad Hoc Committee;

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[4] A/AC.254/11.

[5] A/AC.254/13-E/CN.15/1999/5.

8. *Encourages* Member States to convene informal regional or interregional meetings to assist the work of the Ad Hoc Committee;

9. *Welcomes* the offer of the Government of Japan to host an international seminar on illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms;

10. *Decides* that the Ad Hoc Committee in Vienna shall submit the final text of the draft Convention and the draft protocols thereto to the General Assembly for early adoption prior to a high-level signing conference;

11. *Notes with appreciation* the offer by the Government of Italy to host a high-level political signing conference in Palermo, Italy;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Ad Hoc Committee with the required facilities and resources to support their work;

13. *Invites* donor countries to cooperate with developing countries in order to ensure their full participation in the ongoing negotiating process and in the implementation of the Convention through appropriate means of technical assistance;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide to Member States, upon request, technical cooperation, advisory services and other forms of assistance in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, including in the area of prevention and control of transnational organized crime;

15. *Requests* the Ad Hoc Committee to submit a report to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its ninth session on the progress achieved in its work.

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Advancement of women

Guyana:* draft resolution

Revitalization and strengthening of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/54 of 29 July 1999 on the revitalization of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,

Reaffirming article I of the statute of the Institute, setting out, its autonomous status,

Reaffirming also that the Institute continues to have a unique role to play, in that it is the only entity in the United Nations system devoted entirely to research, training and information in the context of the advancement of women in development,

Reaffirming further the objectives of the Institute to stimulate and assist, through research, training and the collection and dissemination of information, the advancement of women and their integration in the developmental process, both as participants and as beneficiaries,

Reiterating paragraph 334 of the Beijing Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women[1] and the relevant provisions contained in the agreed conclusions 1997/2 of the Economic and Social Council,[2]

Noting the recommendations contained in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit,[3] which conducted an evaluation of the Institute,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995* (United Nations Publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 3* and addendum (A/52/3/Rev.1 and Rev.1/Add.1), chap. IV, sect. A, para. 4.

[3] A/54/156-E/1999/102.

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Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Institute,[4]

Taking note also of the report of the Secretary-General on the new structure and working method of the Institute,[5]

1. *Takes note* of the Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/54, and endorses the decision of Members States to engage in the revitalization of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;

2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the proposal for a new working method of the Institute through the establishment of an electronic Gender Awareness Information and Networking System (GAINS), the principal activities of which are disseminating information from all countries, conducting research, capacity-building and networking, taking into account the special needs of developing countries;

3. *Urges* that the traditional methods of dissemination of information should also be improved and strengthened;

4. *Expresses its satisfaction* with the establishment of a new staffing structure for the Institute, consisting of a small number of persons, and urges that the approved posts be filled as soon as possible;

5. *Takes note* of the project-centred approach and that GAINS and special research and training projects will be financed and managed separately;

6. *Acknowledges* the efforts of the Institute in producing outputs during 1998-1999, notwithstanding its current financial and institutional constraints;

7. *Welcomes* the recent appointment of the Director of the Institute, and urges the Secretary-General to ensure the stability and continuity of the post of Director;

8. *Requests* the Director of the Institute to ensure the preparation of a feasibility study of GAINS, including the work plan and budget for 2000-2001, by an independent body funded by voluntary contributions, and on the basis of the new structure and working method, for the approval of the Board of Trustees as established in article 111, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Institute;[6]

9. *Recommends* that the feasibility study should provide, *inter alia*, information on how the new working method and work plan will benefit the advancement of women, particularly women from developing countries;

10. *Urges* that the use of all six official United Nations languages in the Web site of the Institute should be ensured as soon as possible and in this context requests that the feasibility study, *inter alia*, examine the technical use of these languages in the Institute's Web site, and also requests the Secretary-General to report on the developments in this regard to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to fulfil the commitment made to take the necessary measures to correct the administrative anomalies noted in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit,[3] and urges also that these measures be effected as early as possible, given the critical financial situation of the Institute;

[4] A/54/352.

[5] A/54/500.

[6] A/39/511, annex.

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide support to the Institute, particularly in setting up the new structure and working method for the Institute, by encouraging voluntary contributions to the Institute and to its special projects;

13. *Urges* Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute or consider increasing their contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, in order to facilitate the immediate implementation of the programmes and activities of the Institute;

14. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Governments and organizations that continue to contribute to and support the activities of the Institute;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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Right of peoples to self-determination

Use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.27

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 11 of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.27, the General Assembly would request the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, as a matter of priority, to be programmed in its immediate activities, to publicize the adverse effects of the activities of mercenaries on the right to self-determination and, when requested and where necessary, to render advisory services to States that are affected by the activities of mercenaries.

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 12, the General Assembly would, *inter alia*, request the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to convene expert meetings, as requested in previous General Assembly resolutions in the past, to study and update the international legislation in force and to propose recommendations for a clearer legal definition of mercenaries that would make for more efficient prevention and punishment of mercenary activities.

B. Relationship of requests to the programme of work

3. The activities referred to above fall under programme 19, Human rights, of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001[1] and subprogramme 3, Advisory services,

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technical cooperation, support to human rights fact-finding procedures and field activities,of section 22, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.[2]

4. In order to reflect the provisions of the resolution, the narrative of section 22 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 would be modified as follows:

Subprogramme 3
Advisory services, technical cooperation, support to human rights fact-finding procedures and field activities

Outputs for 2000-2001

Paragraph 22.79.[2]

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies

(i) Substantive servicing of meetings

Add: d. Annual expert meetings to study and update the international legislation in force and to propose recommendations for a clearer legal definition of mercenaries.

(b) Other substantive activities (RB/XB)

(iii) Non-recurrent publications

Add: one study on the international legislation in force, including recommendations for a clearer legal definition of mercenaries.

(d) Technical cooperation (RB/XB)

(i) Advisory services

Add: and including advisory services to States that are affected by the activities of mercenaries.

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

5. During the biennium 2000-2001, it is anticipated that:

(a) The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights would issue a booklet on the question of the adverse effects of the activities of mercenaries on the right to self-determination. The booklet would be prepared by a consultant, edited, translated and published in the six official languages of the Organization;

(b) Two expert meetings would be convened by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva for a period of five working days each to study and update the international legislation in force and to propose recommendations for a clearer legal definition of mercenaries that would make for more efficient prevention and punishment of mercenary activities. A total of 10 academic experts would be invited for each meeting.

D. Additional requirements

6. The implementation of the requests contained in draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.27 would entail the following requirements for the biennium 2000-2001:

	United States dollars (2000-2001)
Section 22. Human Rights	
General temporary assistance	
3 work months at P-3 level	31 000
3 work months at GS-Other level	23 100
Consultants	
One consultant for 2 work months	25 000
Travel of representatives	
20 academic experts from different regions (travel and daily subsistence allowance)	105 500
Total	**184 600**
Section _. General Assembly Affairs and conference services (Geneva)	
Meeting services requirements (5 days, 10 meetings annually)	65 600
Pre-session documentation (20 documents, 300 pages)	220 600
In-session documentation (10 documents, 100 pages)	74 400
Post-session documentation (10 documents, 100 pages)	74 400
Total (at full cost)	**435 000**

E. Potential for absorption

7. No provision was included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 for the travel and daily subsistence allowance of the experts or for general temporary assistance and consultant services.

8. The estimates of US$ 435,000, at full cost, for the conference-servicing costs are based on the theoretical assumption that no part of the conference-servicing requirements would be met from within the permanent conference-servicing capacity included under section 2 (General Assembly affairs and conference services) of the proposed programme budget

for the biennium 2000-2001. The extent to which the Organization's permanent conference-servicing capacity would need to be supplemented by temporary assistance resources can be determined only in the light of the calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000-2001. Provision has, however, been included under section 2 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001, not only for meetings programmed at the time of preparation of the budget, but also for meetings which might be authorized subsequently, provided that the number and distribution of meetings and conferences are consistent with the pattern of meetings of past years. As a result, no additional appropriation would be required under section 2 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

F. Contingency fund

9. As indicated in paragraph 7 above, no resources have been included under section 22 (Human rights) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 to cover the additional requirements of $184,600 arising from the draft resolution.

10. It will be recalled that, under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the proposed programme budget. Under this procedure, if additional expenditures are proposed that exceed the resources available from the contingency fund, the activities concerned can be implemented only through redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or modifications of existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities will have to be deferred to a later biennium.

11. No activities could be identified, at this stage, for termination, deferral, curtailment or modification under section 22, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 in order to accommodate the additional requirements of $184,600 referred to above.

12. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.27, an additional provision of $184,600 would be required over and above the resources included in section 22, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001. This provision would represent a charge against the contingency fund and as such would require a related additional appropriation.

Notes

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/53/6/Rev.1).

[2] Ibid., *Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/54/6/Rev.1), vol. III.

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Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Armenia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America: draft resolution

Follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 48/113 of 20 December 1993, 49/173 of 23 December 1994, 50/151 of 21 December 1995, 51/70 of 12 December 1996, 52/102 of 12 December 1997 and, in particular, 53/123 of 9 December 1998,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General[1] and that of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,[2]

Recognizing the ongoing acuteness of the migration and displacement problems in the countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and the necessity to follow up the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States and the subsequent conclusions

[1] A/54/286.
[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 12* (A/54/12).

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of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,[3]

Reaffirming the view of the Conference that the primary responsibility for tackling population displacement problems lies with the affected countries themselves and that these issues are to be regarded as national priorities, while at the same time recognizing the need for enhancing international support for the national efforts of the countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States aiming at the effective implementation of such responsibilities within the framework of the Programme of Action of the Conference,[4]

Noting with satisfaction the efforts of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the International Organization for Migration and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in developing strategies and practical tools for more effective capacity-building in countries of origin and enhancing programmes to address the needs of various categories of concern to the countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States,

Welcoming the contributions of those countries that responded to the 1999 appeal launched by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the International Organization for Migration, and appreciating this tangible encouragement to the countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and to further inter-agency cooperation,

Taking note of the positive results emanating from the implementation of the Programme of Action of the Conference,

Keeping in mind that a number of provisions of the Programme of Action are still at the stage of practical formulation and cannot be achieved by the year 2000,

Taking into account the decision made by the steering group of the Conference to establish a working group to address the issue of follow-up to the Conference,

Convinced of the necessity of further maintaining the regional approach for the achievement of effective implementation of the Programme of Action,

Recalling that the protection and promotion of human rights and the strengthening of democratic institutions are essential to prevent mass population displacement,

Mindful that effective implementation of the recommendations contained in the Programme of Action should be facilitated and can be ensured only through cooperation and coordinated activities undertaken in this respect by all interested States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other actors,

Noting and reaffirming the importance of the 1951 Convention[5] and the 1967 Protocol[6] relating to the Status of Refugees,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General[1] and of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;[2]

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[3] Ibid., *Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 12A* and corrigendum (A/51/12/Add.1 and Corr.1), sect. III.B; ibid., *Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 12A* (A/52/12/Add.1), sect. III.B; ibid., *Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 12A* (A/53/12/Add.1), sect. III.B; and ibid., *Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 12A* (A/54/12/Add.1), sect. III.B.

[4] A/51/341 and Corr.1, appendix.

[5] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 189, No. 2545.

[6] Ibid., vol. 606, No. 8791.

2. *Calls upon* Governments of the countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States, in cooperation with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the International Organization for Migration and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, to strengthen their efforts and mutual cooperation relating to the follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States, and welcomes the positive results achieved by them in the implementation of the Programme of Action of the Conference;[4]

3. *Endorses* the broad consensus reached by the participants of the steering group of the Conference that implementation of the issues outlined in the Programme of Action should be continued and that consideration should be given to a continuation of follow-up to the Conference after the year 2000;

4. *Calls upon* the countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and other interested States, in cooperation with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the International Organization for Migration and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, to elaborate concrete proposals for a possible follow-up mechanism to the Conference for the period after the year 2000;

5. *Invites* all countries that have not yet done so to accede to and implement fully the 1951 Convention[5] and the 1967 Protocol[6] relating to the Status of Refugees, while welcoming the accession of Georgia and Kazakhstan to the Convention;

6. *Calls upon* States and interested international organizations, in a spirit of solidarity and burden-sharing, to provide appropriate forms and levels of support for the practical implementation of the Programme of Action;

7. *Invites* international financial and other institutions to contribute to the financing of projects and programmes within the framework of the implementation of the Programme of Action;

8. *Invites* the countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States to intensify bilateral, subregional and regional cooperation in maintaining the balance of commitments and interests in the process leading up to the implementation of the Programme of Action;

9. *Calls upon* the Governments of the countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States to continue to strengthen their commitment to the principles underpinning the Programme of Action, in particular human rights and refugee protection principles, and to lend high-level political support to ensure progress in its implementation;

10. *Invites* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the International Organization for Migration to enhance their mutual relationship with other key international actors, such as the Council of Europe, the European Commission, and human rights, development and financial institutions, in order better to address the wide-ranging and complex issues in the Programme of Action;

11. *Welcomes* the progress made in building civil society, in particular through the development of the non-governmental sector and the development of cooperation between non-governmental organizations and the Governments of a number of countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States, and notes in this regard the relationship between the progress made in implementing the Programme of Action and the success in promoting civil society, especially in the field of human rights;

12. *Encourages* the involvement of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in the follow-up to the Conference, and invites them to demonstrate stronger

support for the process of the multinational constructive dialogue among a wide range of countries concerned and further action with a view to the full implementation of the recommendations of the Conference;

13. *Emphasizes* the necessity of fulfilling the recommendations of the Programme of Action relating to ensuring respect for human rights as an important factor in the management of migration flows, the consolidation of democracy, the rule of law and stability;

14. *Recognizes* the importance of undertaking measures, on the basis of strict adherence to all of the principles of international law, including humanitarian law and international human rights standards, to prevent situations that lead to new flows of refugees, displaced persons and other forms of involuntary displacement;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session on the progress achieved in the follow-up to the Conference;

16. *Decides* to continue examination of the question at its fifty fifth session.

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Russian Federation: amendment to draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.60

Human rights situation in Iraq

At the end of the sixth preambular paragraph, add the following phrase:

in which these bodies recognized, *inter alia*, that the effect of sanctions and blockades had been to cause suffering and death in Iraq, especially to children.

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Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Sudan: amendments to draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.81

Situation of human rights in the Sudan

1. Add a new preambular paragraph after the second preambular paragraph, reading:

Recalling article 3 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on the right of life and paragraph 1 of article 25 of the Declaration, emphasizing the right to health and medical care,

2. Add a new preambular paragraph after the fourth preambular paragraph, reading:

Recalling also the Declaration on the Right to Development adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/128 of 4 December 1986,

3. Insert, as operative paragraph 2:

(a) *Considers* the bombardment of the El-Shifa pharmaceutical factory in the Sudan by the Government of the United States of America on 20 August 1998 a blatant violation of the principles of human rights, in particular the right to development, the right to life, the right to health and medical care;

(b) *Expresses its deep concern* at the bombardment which resulted in the total destruction of the El-Shifa factory, thus depriving the Sudan and other African countries of a substantial portion of their medical and veterinary needs;

(c) *Expresses support* to the legitimate Sudanese demands, which call for full compensation for economic and material losses resulting from the attack.

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Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Botswana, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Qatar, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic and Yemen: draft resolution

Assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 49/172 of 23 December 1994, 50/150 of 21 December 1995, 51/73 of 12 December 1996, 52/105 of 12 December 1997 and 53/122 of 9 December 1998,

Aware of the fact that the majority of refugees are children and women,

Bearing in mind that unaccompanied refugee minors are among the most vulnerable refugees and the most at risk of neglect, violence, forced military recruitment, sexual assault and other abuses and therefore require special assistance and care,

Mindful of the fact that the ultimate solution to the plight of unaccompanied minors is their return to and reunification with their families,

Noting the revised Guidelines on Refugee Children issued by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in May 1994 and development of an emergency kit to facilitate coordination and enhance the quality of responses to the needs of unaccompanied minors by the Office of the High Commissioner, the United Nations Children's Fund and non-governmental organizations,

Noting with appreciation the efforts of the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Children's Fund in the identification and tracing of unaccompanied minors, and welcoming their efforts in reunifying family members of refugees,

Welcoming the efforts exerted by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for reunification of family members of refugees,

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Noting the efforts of the High Commissioner to ensure the protection of and assistance to refugees, including children and unaccompanied minors, and that further enhanced efforts need to be exerted to this effect,

Recalling the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of the Child,[1] and the 1951 Convention[2] and the 1967 Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees,[3]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[4]

2. *Also takes note* of the report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict;[5]

3. *Expresses its deep concern* at the continued plight of unaccompanied refugee minors, and emphasizes once again the urgent need for their early identification and for timely, detailed and accurate information on their number and whereabouts;

4. *Stresses* the importance that adequate resources need to be provided for programmes of identification and tracing of unaccompanied refugee minors;

5. *Calls upon* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, in cooperation with other relevant United Nations bodies, to incorporate into its programmes policies that aim at preventing refugee family separation, conscious of the importance of family unity;

6. *Calls upon* all Governments, the Secretary-General, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, all United Nations organizations, other international organizations and non-governmental organizations concerned to exert the maximum effort to assist and protect refugee minors and to expedite the return and reunification with their families of unaccompanied refugee minors;

7. *Urges* the Office of the High Commissioner, all United Nations organizations, other international organizations and non-governmental organizations concerned to take appropriate steps to mobilize resources commensurate with the needs and interests of unaccompanied refugee minors and for their reunification with their families;

8. *Calls upon* all States and other parties to armed conflict to respect international humanitarian law and, in this regard, calls upon States parties to respect fully the provisions of the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949[6] and related instruments, while bearing in mind resolution 2 adopted at the twenty-sixth International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, held at Geneva in December 1995, and to respect the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of the Child,[1] which accord children affected by armed conflict special protection and treatment;

9. *Condemns* all acts of exploitation of unaccompanied refugee minors; including their use as soldiers or human shields in armed conflict and their forced recruitment into military forces, and any other acts that endanger their safety and personal security;

10. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, the United Nations Children's Fund, other United Nations organizations and

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[1] Resolution 44/25, annex.

[2] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 189, No. 2545.

[3] Ibid., vol. 606, No. 8791.

[4] A/54/285.

[5] A/54/430, annex.

[6] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, Nos. 970-973.

other international organizations to mobilize adequate assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors in the areas of relief, education, health and psychological rehabilitation;

11. *Encourages* the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict in his efforts to raise awareness worldwide and to mobilize official and public opinion for the protection of children affected by armed conflict, including refugee minors;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution and to give special attention to the girl-child refugee in his report.

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Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the activities of her Office[1] and the report and conclusions of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the work of its fiftieth session,[2]

Recalling its resolution 53/125 of 9 December 1998,

Commending the High Commissioner and her staff for the competent, courageous and dedicated manner in which they discharge their responsibilities, paying tribute to those staff members whose lives have been endangered in the course of their duties, and deploring the

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 12* (A/54/12).
[2] Ibid., *Supplement No. 12 A* (A/54/12/Add.1).

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injuries and deaths of staff members as a consequence of generalized as well as targeted violence,

Commending States which have successfully implemented durable solutions,

1. *Endorses* the report and conclusions of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the work of its fiftieth session;[2]

2. *Strongly reaffirms* the fundamental importance and the purely humanitarian and non-political character of the function of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees of providing international protection to refugees and seeking permanent solutions to the problem of refugees, and reiterates the need for Governments to continue to facilitate the effective exercise of this function;

3. *Reaffirms* the fundamental importance of the 1951 Convention[3] and the 1967 Protocol[4] relating to the Status of Refugees, in particular their implementation in a manner fully compatible with the object and purpose of those instruments, notes with satisfaction that one hundred and thirty-nine States are now parties to one or both instruments, and encourages the Office of the High Commissioner and States to strengthen their efforts to promote broader accessions to these instruments and their full implementation;

4. *Notes* that the fiftieth anniversary of the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 for the protection of victims of war is being commemorated this year, and calls on States and other parties to armed conflicts scrupulously to observe international humanitarian law;

5. *Notes* that the thirtieth anniversary of the Organization of African Unity Convention governing the specific aspects of refugee problems in Africa[5] is also being commemorated this year, and acknowledges the contribution made by this Convention to the development of regional standards for the protection of refugees;

6. *Reaffirms* that, as set out in article 14 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,[6] everyone has the right to seek and enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution, and calls on all States to refrain from taking measures that jeopardize the institution of asylum, in particular by returning or expelling refugees or asylum-seekers contrary to international standards;

7. *Emphasizes* that refugee protection is primarily the responsibility of States, whose full and effective cooperation, action and political resolve are required to enable the Office of the High Commissioner to fulfil its mandated functions, and calls on States, the Office of the High Commissioner and all interested parties to turn concentrated attention towards revitalizing old partnerships and building new ones in support of the international refugee protection system;

8. *Stresses* the importance of international solidarity and burden-sharing in reinforcing the international protection of refugees, urges all States and relevant non-governmental and other organizations, in conjunction with the Office of the High Commissioner, to cooperate and mobilize resources with a view to reducing the burden borne by States, particularly developing countries, that have received large numbers of asylum-seekers and refugees, and calls on the Office of the High Commissioner to continue to play its catalytic role to mobilize assistance from the international community to address the

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[3] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 189, No. 2545.

[4] Ibid., vol. 606, No. 8791.

[5] Ibid., vol. 1001, No. 14691.

[6] Resolution 217 A (III).

economic, environmental and social impact of large-scale refugee populations, especially in developing countries;

9. *Condemns* all acts that pose a threat to the personal security and well-being of refugees and asylum-seekers, such as refoulement, unlawful expulsion and physical attacks, and calls upon all States of refuge, in cooperation with international organizations where appropriate, to take all necessary measures to ensure respect for the principles of refugee protection, including the humane treatment of asylum-seekers;

10. *Remains* gravely preoccupied with the continuing occurrence of military or armed attacks and other threats to the security of refugees, including the infiltration of armed elements into refugee camps, notes in this context that the issue of protection for humanitarian assistance to refugees and others in conflict situations has been debated in the Security Council, and urges States to assume their responsibility, working, where appropriate, with the Office of the High Commissioner and other parts of the United Nations system, to uphold the civilian and humanitarian character of refugee camps and settlements, to identify and separate armed elements from refugee populations, to settle refugees in secure locations and to afford to the Office of the High Commissioner and other appropriate humanitarian organizations prompt, unhindered and safe access to asylum-seekers, refugees and other persons of concern;

11. *Welcomes* the coming into force of the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel[7] as well as consideration of initiatives to widen its *ratione persona*, and calls upon States and all concerned parties to take all possible measures to safeguard the physical security and property of the staff of the Office of the High Commissioner and other humanitarian personnel, to investigate fully any crime committed against them and to bring to justice persons responsible for such crimes;

12. *Urges* all States and relevant organizations to support the High Commissioner's search for durable solutions to refugee problems, including voluntary repatriation, local integration and resettlement in a third country, as appropriate, reaffirms that voluntary repatriation is the preferred solution to refugee problems, and calls upon countries of origin, countries of asylum, the Office of the High Commissioner and the international community to act in a spirit of partnership to enable refugees to exercise their right to return home in safety and with dignity;

13. *Calls upon* all States to promote conditions conducive to the voluntary repatriation of refugees in safety and with dignity, including conditions furthering reconciliation and long-term development in countries of return, and to support the sustainable reintegration of returnees by providing countries of origin with necessary rehabilitation and development assistance in conjunction, as appropriate, with the Office of the High Commissioner and relevant development agencies, and urges the Office of the High Commissioner to strengthen its cooperation and coordination with relevant entities, including international financial institutions and non-governmental organizations;

14. *Reiterates* the right of all persons to return to their country of origin, emphasizes in this regard the obligation of all States to accept the return of their nationals, calls upon all States to facilitate the return of their nationals who have sought asylum and have been determined not to be in need of international protection, and affirms the need for the return of persons to be undertaken in a humane manner and with full respect for their human rights and dignity, irrespective of the status of the persons concerned;

[7] Resolution 49/59, annex.

15. *Acknowledges* the desirability of comprehensive approaches by the international community, including comprehensive regional approaches, to the problems of refugees and displaced persons, and notes, in this regard, that capacity-building in countries of origin and countries of asylum can play an important role in addressing the root causes of refugee flows, in strengthening emergency preparedness and response and in providing effective protection and achieving durable solutions;

16. *Urges* States, in cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner and other relevant organizations, to explore and fully support capacity-building initiatives as part of a comprehensive approach to addressing refugee issues and to take necessary measures to promote sustainable development and to ensure the success of capacity-building activities, and reiterates that such initiatives may include those which strengthen legal and judicial institutions and civil society, those which promote the observance of human rights, the rule of law and accountability and those which enhance the capacity of States to fulfil their responsibilities in respect to persons of concern to the Office of the High Commissioner;

17. *Reiterates* its support for the role of the Office of the High Commissioner in providing humanitarian assistance and protection to internally displaced persons on the basis of criteria enumerated in its resolution 53/125, paragraph 16, and underlines the continuing relevance of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement;

18. *Calls upon* States to adopt an approach that is sensitive to gender-related concerns and to ensure that women whose claims to refugee status are based upon a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons enumerated in the 1951 Convention and the 1967 Protocol, including persecution through sexual violence or other gender-related persecution, are recognized as refugees, and encourages the Office of the High Commissioner to continue and to strengthen its efforts for the protection of refugee women;

19. *Urges* States and relevant parties to respect and observe principles of international human rights, humanitarian and refugee law that are of particular relevance to safeguarding the rights of child and adolescent refugees, notes the particular vulnerability of refugee children to being forcibly exposed to the risks of injury, exploitation and death, particularly in the context of armed conflict, and to abduction with a view to forcing participation in military activities, and urges all States and concerned parties to take all possible measures to protect child and adolescent refugees, including, in particular, from all forms of violence, exploitation and abuse, forced military service, and to prevent their separation from their families;

20. *Recognizes* the special role of elderly refugees within the refugee family, and, bearing in mind that 1999 has been declared the International Year of Older Persons, calls upon States and the Office of the High Commissioner to make renewed efforts to ensure that the rights, needs and dignity of elderly refugees are fully respected and addressed through appropriate programme activities;

21. *Recalls* that the family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by the society and the State, and calls on States, working in close collaboration with the Office of the High Commissioner and other concerned organizations, to take measures to ensure that the refugee's family is protected, including through measures aimed at reuniting family members separated as a result of refugee flight;

22. *Notes* that forty-eight States are now parties to the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and that twenty States are parties to the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness, recalls its resolution 50/152 of 21 December 1995, paragraphs 14 to 16, and encourages the High Commissioner to continue her activities on behalf of stateless persons;

23. *Calls upon* Governments and other donors to demonstrate their international solidarity and burden-sharing with countries of asylum, in particular developing countries, countries with economies in transition and countries with limited resources that, owing to their location, host large numbers of refugees and asylum-seekers, stresses the need for the Office of the High Commissioner to be given adequate resources to fulfil its mandated functions, and, in this regard, calls on Governments to contribute generously to the unified annual programme budget of the Office of the High Commissioner, to support efforts to widen the donor base so as to achieve greater burden-sharing among donors and to assist the High Commissioner in securing additional and timely income from traditional governmental sources, other Governments and the private sector to ensure that the needs of persons of concern to the Office of the High Commissioner are fully met.

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Situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)

After the third preambular paragraph, insert the following preambular paragraph:

Reaffirming also the territorial integrity of all States in the region, within their internationally recognized borders.

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Russian Federation: amendments to draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.82

1. The title of the draft resolution should read:

   The situation of human rights in Kosovo, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

2. Insert the following new second preambular paragraph:

   Reaffirming the commitment of all Member States to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and other States of the region, as set out in the Helsinki Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe of 1975 and Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999, and the general principles annexed thereto.

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United States of America: amendments to draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.81

Situation of human rights in the Sudan

1. Delete subparagraph (a) (iii) of operative paragraph 2.

2. Replace subparagraph (b) (ii) of operative paragraph 2 with the following subparagraph:

(ii) At cases of official religious persecution against Christians and animists, and in some instances, Muslims, and other severe restrictions on the freedom of religion, expression, association, and peaceful assembly, as described in the report of the Special Rapporteur of April 1999.

3. After subparagraph (b) (ii) of operative paragraph 2 add the following subparagraphs:

(iii) At the use of aerial bombardments against known civilian population centres in the south, as described in the report of the Special Rapporteur of October 1999.

(iv) At the imposition of aid flight bans in areas affected by large population displacements and huge potential humanitarian needs as described in the report of the Special Rapporteur of October 1999.

(v) At the strategies employed that have revived and exacerbated the problem of slavery in the Sudan as described in the report of the Special Rapporteur of October 1999.

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Algeria:* draft resolution

Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 53/126 of 9 December 1998,

Recalling also the provisions of its resolution 2312 (XXII) of 14 December 1967, by which it adopted the Declaration on Territorial Asylum,

Recalling further the Organization of African Unity Convention governing the specific aspects of refugee problems in Africa of 1969,[1] and the African Charter on Human and People's Rights,[2]

Recalling the Khartoum Declaration and recommendations of the Organization of African Unity Ministerial Conference on Refugees, Returnees and Displaced Persons in Africa, held at Khartoum from 10 to 14 December 1998,

Welcoming decision CM/Dec. 459 (LXX) on the situation of refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa, adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its seventieth ordinary session, held at Algiers from 8 to 10 July 1999,

Commending the first Ministerial Conference of the Organization of African Unity on human rights in Africa, held at Grand Bay, Mauritius, from 12 to 16 April 1999, and welcoming the attention paid to issues relevant to refugees and displaced persons in the Declaration and Plan of Action adopted by the Conference,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States.

[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1001, No. 14691.

[2] Ibid., vol. 1520, No. 26363.

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Recognizing the contributions made by African States to the development of regional standards for the protection of refugees and returnees, and noting with appreciation that countries of asylum are hosting refugees in a humanitarian spirit and in a spirit of African solidarity and brotherhood,

Recognizing also the need for States resolutely to address the root causes of forced displacement and to create conditions that facilitate durable solutions for refugees and displaced persons and stressing, in this regard, the need for States to foster peace, stability and prosperity throughout the African continent,

Convinced of the need to strengthen the capacity of States to provide assistance and protection for refugees, returnees and displaced persons, and of the need for the international community, within the context of burden-sharing, to increase its material, financial and technical assistance to the countries affected by refugees, returnees and displaced persons,

Acknowledging with appreciation that some assistance is already rendered by the international community to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and host countries in Africa,

Noting with great concern that, despite all the efforts deployed so far by the United Nations, the Organization of African Unity and others, the situation of refugees and displaced persons in Africa, especially in the West African and Great Lakes regions and in the Horn of Africa, remains precarious,

Stressing that the provision of relief and assistance to African refugees by the international community should be on an equitable, non-discriminatory basis,

Considering that among refugees, returnees and internally displaced persons, women and children comprise the majority of the populations affected by conflicts and bear the brunt of atrocities and other consequences of conflicts,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General[3] and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;[4]

2. *Notes with concern* that the declining socio-economic situation, compounded by political instability, internal strife, human rights violations and natural disasters, has led to increased numbers of refugees and displaced persons in some countries of Africa, and remains particularly concerned about the impact of large-scale refugee populations on the security, socio-economic situation and environment of countries of asylum;

3. *Takes note* of the commemoration in 1999 of the adoption of the Organization of African Unity Convention governing the specific aspects of refugee problems in Africa of 1969,[1] appeals to African States that have not yet done so to accede to the Convention, and calls upon States parties to the Convention to reaffirm their commitment to its ideals and to respect and observe its provisions;

4. *Takes note also* of the commemoration in 1999 of the fiftieth anniversary of the signature of the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949,[5] and, bearing in mind that armed conflict is one of the principal causes of forced displacement in Africa, calls upon States and other parties to armed conflict to observe scrupulously the letter and spirit of international humanitarian law;

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[3] A/54/414.

[4] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 12* and addendum (A/54/12 and Add.1).

[5] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, Nos. 970-973.

5. *Notes* the need for States to address the root causes of forced displacement in Africa and calls upon African States, the international community and relevant United Nations agencies to take concrete action to meet the needs of refugees, returnees and displaced persons for protection and assistance, and to generously contribute to national projects and programmes aimed at alleviating their plight;

6. *Notes also* the link, *inter alia*, between human rights violations, poverty, natural disasters and environmental degradation and population displacement and calls for redoubled and concerted efforts by States, in collaboration with the Organization of African Unity, to promote and protect human rights for all and to address these problems;

7. *Encourages* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to continue to cooperate with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the African Commission on Human and People's Rights, within their respective mandates, in the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms of refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa;

8. *Notes with appreciation* the positive outcome of all mediation and conflict resolution efforts carried out by African States, the Organization of African Unity and subregional organizations, as well as the establishment of regional mechanisms for conflict prevention and resolution, and urges all relevant parties to address the humanitarian consequences of conflicts;

9. *Expresses its appreciation and strong support* for those African Governments and local populations that, in spite of the general deterioration of socio-economic and environmental conditions and overstretched national resources, continue to accept the additional burden imposed upon them by increasing numbers of refugees and displaced persons, in compliance with the relevant principles of asylum;

10. *Expresses its gratitude* to the international community and to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for the humanitarian assistance they have continued to render to refugees and displaced persons and to countries of asylum;

11. *Expresses its concern* about instances in which the fundamental principle of asylum is jeopardized by unlawful expulsion or refoulement or by threats to the life, physical security, integrity, dignity and well-being of refugees;

12. *Calls upon* States, in cooperation with international organizations, within their mandates, to take all necessary measures to ensure respect for the principles of refugee protection, and, in particular, to ensure that the civilian and humanitarian nature of refugee camps is not compromised by the presence or the activities of armed elements;

13. *Urges* States and all other actors to take all necessary measures to protect activities related to humanitarian assistance, to prevent attacks on and kidnapping of national and international humanitarian workers, and to ensure their safety and security; and further requests organizations and aid workers to abide by the national laws and regulations of the countries in which they operate;

14. *Calls upon* the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees, the Organization of African Unity, subregional organizations and all African States, in conjunction with United Nations agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the international community, to strengthen and revitalize existing partnerships and forge new ones in support of the international refugee protection system;

15. *Also calls upon* the Office of the High Commissioner, the international community and other concerned entities to intensify their support to African Governments through appropriate capacity-building activities, including training of relevant officers,

disseminating information about refugee instruments and principles, providing financial, technical and advisory services to accelerate the enactment or amendment and implementation of legislation relating to refugees, strengthening emergency response, and enhancing capacities for the coordination of humanitarian activities;

16. *Reaffirms* the right of return and also the principle of voluntary repatriation, appeals to countries of origin and countries of asylum to create conditions that are conducive to voluntary repatriation, and recognizes that, while voluntary repatriation remains the pre-eminent solution, local integration and third-country resettlement, as appropriate, are also viable options for dealing with the situation of African refugees who, owing to prevailing circumstances in their respective countries of origin, are unable to return home;

17. *Notes with satisfaction* the voluntary return of millions of refugees to their homelands following the successful repatriation and reintegration operations carried out by the Office of the High Commissioner, with the cooperation and collaboration of countries hosting refugees and countries of origin, and looks forward to other programmes to assist the voluntary repatriation and reintegration of all refugees in Africa;

18. *Reiterates* that the Plan of Action adopted by the Regional Conference on Assistance to Refugees, Returnees and Displaced Persons in the Great Lakes Region, held at Bujumbura from 15 to 17 February 1995, as endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 50/149, continues to be a viable framework for the resolution of the refugee and humanitarian problems in that region;

19. *Appeals* to the international community to respond positively, in the spirit of solidarity and burden-sharing, to the third-country resettlement requests of African refugees, and notes with appreciation that some African countries have offered resettlement places for refugees;

20. *Welcomes* the programmes carried out by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees with host Governments, the United Nations, non-governmental organizations and the international community to address the environmental impact of refugee populations;

21. *Calls upon* the international donor community to provide material and financial assistance for the implementation of programmes intended for the rehabilitation of the environment and infrastructure affected by refugees in countries of asylum;

22. *Expresses its concern* about the long stay of refugees in certain African countries, and calls upon the Office of the High Commissioner to keep its programmes under review, in conformity with its mandate in the host countries, taking into account the increasing requirements there;

23. *Emphasizes* the need for the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees to collate statistics, on a regular basis, of the number of refugees living outside refugee camps in certain African countries, with a view to evaluating and addressing the needs of these refugees;

24. *Urges* the international community, in a spirit of international solidarity and burden-sharing, to continue to fund generously the refugee programmes of the Office of the High Commissioner and, taking into account the substantially increased needs of programmes in Africa, to ensure that Africa gets a fair and equitable share of the resources designated for refugees;

25. *Requests* all Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to pay particular attention to meeting the special needs of refugee women and children and displaced persons, including those with special protection needs;

26. *Calls upon* States and the Office of the High Commissioner to make renewed efforts to ensure that the rights, needs and dignity of elderly refugees are fully respected and addressed through appropriate programme activities;

27. *Expresses grave concern* about the plight of internally displaced persons in Africa, calls upon States to take concrete action to pre-empt internal displacement and to meet the protection and assistance needs of internally displaced persons, takes note, in this regard, of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement,[6] and urges the international community, led by relevant United Nations agencies, to contribute generously to national projects and programmes aimed at alleviating the plight of internally displaced persons;

28. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report on the situation of refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session, taking fully into account the efforts expended by countries of asylum, under the item entitled "Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions", and to present an oral report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2000.

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Organization of work of the Third Committee and draft biennial programme of work of the Committee for 2000-2001

Note by the Secretariat

1. In its resolution 46/140 of 17 December 1991, the General Assembly reaffirmed the recommendations on the rationalization of the work of the Third Committee contained in its resolution 45/175 of 18 December 1990 and recommended further rationalization measures, as outlined in annex I to resolution 46/140.

2. The present document contains in annex I measures on the organization of work of the Third Committee and in annex II the draft biennial programme of work of the Committee for 2000-2001. The draft programme has been prepared on the basis of existing legislative authority. It also takes into account the draft proposals on which the Third Committee has taken action. The information in the annexes will be updated orally by the Secretariat when they are considered by the Committee.

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Annex I

Organization of work of the Third Committee

A. Guidelines concerning time limits of statements

1. In accordance with rule 106 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and paragraph 22 of decision 34/401 on the rationalization of the procedures and organization of the General Assembly, at the beginning of each session, the Chairman of the Third Committee should propose to the Committee the limitation of the time to be allowed to speakers.

2. Further to General Assembly resolutions 45/175 of 18 December 1990 and 46/140 of 17 December 1991, on the rationalization of the work of the Third Committee, statements made by delegations and by Secretariat officials, unless decided otherwise by the Committee at the beginning of the session, should not exceed 7 minutes. Statements made on behalf of a group of delegations or made in connection with the sub-items under the agenda item on human rights questions should not exceed 15 minutes. These time limits will be applied with a degree of flexibility towards all speakers. With a view to saving time, all speakers are encouraged to exercise self-discipline, in particular delegations associated with group statements. For practical reasons, group statements are encouraged for the first day of the discussion of an item or sub-item. In this connection, it is important to emphasize the timely distribution of documentation in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Assembly, in order to enable delegations to inscribe themselves on the list of speakers at an early stage.

B. Draft resolutions on reports of treaty bodies and reports of the Secretary-General on the status of the treaties

3. Reports of all treaty bodies will be submitted to the General Assembly in accordance with their respective legislative mandates. Substantive resolutions on those reports should be adopted biennially, in accordance with the programme of work of the Third Committee. Where possible, it is recommended that separate draft resolutions on the status of the treaties should not be submitted but should be incorporated in the draft resolution relating to the report of the treaty body. In alternate years, the Committee should simply take note of the reports unless more substantive action is deemed appropriate.

C. Draft proposals emanating from subsidiary organs of the Economic and Social Council

4. The Economic and Social Council, in transmitting draft proposals to the General Assembly should, to the extent possible, bear in mind the programme of work of the Third Committee.

D. Programme of work

5. An informal meeting of the Third Committee should be held immediately after the election of the members of its Bureau in order to consider the programme of work of the Committee based on a draft to be prepared by the Secretariat and to consider other

organizational aspects relating to the Committee's work, especially the status of documentation.

6. The items allocated to the Third Committee for consideration during the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly should be taken up in the following order:

Item

2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family.

3. Crime prevention and criminal justice.

4. International drug control.

5. Advancement of women.

6. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century".

7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions.

8. Promotion and protection of the rights of children.

9. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People.

10. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination[a]

11. Right of peoples to self-determination[a]

12. Human rights questions:[b,c]

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council.

7. This arrangement may be reviewed at the organizational meeting of the Third Committee particularly in the light of the status of documentation at that time.

[a] Items 10 and 11 are to be discussed jointly. Delegates may make two separate statements, i.e., one on each item, if they so wish.

[b] Sub-items (a) and (d) are to be discussed separately; sub-items (b), (c) and (e) are to be discussed jointly.

[c] Delegations may make one statement each under sub-items (a) and (d) and two statements under sub-items (b), (c) and (e), but should not make two statements on any one sub-item.

E. Preparation and submission of draft resolutions

8. In drawing up draft resolutions, delegations are requested to adhere to the programme of work of the Third Committee as reproduced below.

9. Delegations are invited to take into account the general guidelines agreed upon in Assembly resolutions 45/175 and 46/140 regarding the submission of draft proposals and as set out below.[d]

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Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Annual

World social situation

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons and related activities (1999)

Biennial

Implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities and of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the Long-term Strategy to Implement the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons to the Year 2000 and Beyond (odd years)

Implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond (odd years)

Cooperation to achieve education for all (odd years)

Family (odd years)

Cooperatives in social development (odd years)

Quinquennial

Review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (2002)

Item 3
Crime prevention and criminal justice

Annual

Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, particularly its technical cooperation capacity

United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

[d] References to "odd" and "even" years refer to calendar years.

Question of the elaboration of an international convention against organized transnational crime

Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

Quinquennial

United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

Item 4
International drug control

Annual

Implementation of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control and the Global Programme of Action against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances; international action to combat drug abuse and illicit trafficking; respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law in the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking; United Nations International Drug Control Programme; measures to strengthen international cooperation against the illicit production, sale, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related matters; implementation of the outcome of the twentieth special session of the General Assembly

Biennial

Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (even years)

Update of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (even years)

Item 5
Advancement of women

Annual

Improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

United Nations Development Fund for Women

Biennial

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (odd years)

Traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women and girls (2001)

Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (odd years)

Violence against women migrant workers (odd years)

Traffic in women and girls (even years)

Item 6
Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"

Annual

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women

Item 7
Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Annual

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa

Follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States

Biennial

Assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors (2001)

New international humanitarian order (even years)

Quinquennial

Extension of the mandate of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (2002)

Item 8
Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Annual

Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child; children with disabilities; prevention and eradication of the sale of children, and of their sexual exploitation, including child prostitution and child pornography; protection of children affected by armed conflicts; refugee and internally displaced children; elimination of the exploitation of child labour; plight of children living and/or working on the streets; the girl child

Biennial

Convention on the Rights of the Child (even years)

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (even years)

Item 9
Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Annual

International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations

Item 10
Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Annual

Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid

Preparations for the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (to 2000)

Biennial

Financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (even years)

Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (even years)

Item 11
Right of peoples to self-determination

Annual

Importance of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights

Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination

Use of mercenaries as a means to violate human rights and to impede the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (to be considered biennially after the entry into force of the International Convention against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries)

Item 12
Human rights questions

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

Annual

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (biennially after the entry into force of the Convention)

Report of the Committee against Torture

Status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture

Biennial

Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (even years)

Status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (even years)

International Covenants on Human Rights (odd years)

Reports of meetings of persons chairing United Nations human rights treaty bodies (even years)

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Annual

Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Right to development

Protection of migrants (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.67) (2000)

Globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.71) (2000)

Situation of human rights in Cambodia (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.72) (2000)

Human rights and cultural diversity (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.62) (2000)

Declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.69) (2000)

Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

Strengthening of United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity

United Nations Decade on Human Rights Education and public information activities in the field of human rights

Respect for universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification

Human rights and unilateral coercive measures

Protection of United Nations personnel

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

Biennial

Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (even years)

Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (even years)

Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (even years)

Human rights and terrorism (odd years)

National institutions for the protection and promotion of human rights (odd years)

Human rights and extreme poverty (even years)

Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (odd years)

Human rights and mass exoduses (odd years)

Human rights in the administration of justice (odd years)

Respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes (odd years)

Enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections (odd years)

Human rights and scientific and technological progress (odd years)

Protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons (odd years)

Strengthening of the rule of law (2000)

Quinquennial

Award of human rights prizes (2003)

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Annual

Implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted at the World Conference on Human Rights

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Annual

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Annex II

Draft biennial programme of work of the Third Committee for 2000-2001

2000[a]

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Documentation

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Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the world social situation

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.6)

Item 3
Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the recommendations of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on appropriate follow-up to conclusions and recommendations of the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.3)

Report of the Secretary-General on concrete proposals to strengthen the programmes and activities of the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.22/Rev.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, particularly its technical cooperation capacity (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.24)

[a] The programme of work and documentation for 2000 will be revised in the light of the relevant decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council in 2000.

Item 4
International drug control

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the twentieth special session of the General Assembly (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.20)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (even years)

Update of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (even years)

Item 5
Advancement of women

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.17)

Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat (draft resolution A/C.3/L.19)

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180) (through the Economic and Social Council)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (General Assembly resolution 39/125)

Report of the Secretary-General on traffic in women and girls (General Assembly resolution 53/116)

Report of the Secretary-General on the revitalization and strengthening of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.89)

Item 6
Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (A/C.3/54/L.54)

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.54)

Item 7
Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (through the Economic and Social Council)

Report of the Secretary-General on a new international humanitarian order (General Assembly resolution 53/124)

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.91)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (annual according to General Assembly decision 53/434)

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (annual according to General Assembly decision 53/434) (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.95 did not mention)

Item 8
Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Documentation

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (General Assembly resolution 44/25, annex)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.49)

Report of the Secretary-General on the rights of the child (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.49)

Comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on the girl child (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.46)

Item 9
Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.45)

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the implementation of the programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.45)

Item 10
Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 53/131)

Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 53/131)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on Measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.26)

Report of the Secretary-General on proposals for the full implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.28/Rev.1)

Item 11
Right of peoples to self-determination

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the universal realization of the rights of peoples to self-determination (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.25)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the use of mercenaries (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.27)

Item 12
Human rights questions

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.53)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.50)

Report of the Secretary-General on the operations of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.50)

Report of the Human Rights Committee (General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (General Assembly resolution 260 A (III))

Report of the Committee against Torture (General Assembly resolution 39/46, annex)

Report of the Secretary-General on effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (General Assembly resolution 53/138)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the reports of the meetings of persons chairing United Nations human rights treaty bodies (General Assembly resolution 53/138)

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Documentation

Interim report of the Special Rapporteur on elimination of all forms of religious intolerance (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.61)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and cultural diversity (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.62)

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Cambodia (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.72)

Report of the Secretary-General on globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.71/Rev.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made towards the achievement of the objectives of the Decade for Human Rights Education, 1995-2004, and public information activities in the field of human rights (A/C.3/L.64)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and unilateral coercive measures (draft resolution A/C.3/54/ L.79)

Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of migrants (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.67)

Report of the Secretary-General on measures to implement the Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.69)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening of United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.73)

Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development (General Assembly resolution A/C.3/54/L.85)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening of the rule of law (General Assembly resolution 53/142)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the question of extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (General Assembly resolution 53/147)

Report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (General Assembly resolution 53/148)

Report of the Secretary-General on the question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (General Assembly resolution 53/150)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Human rights and extreme poverty (General Assembly resolution 53/146)

Respect for the right to universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification (draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.75)

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.84)

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

The question of human rights in Afghanistan (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.58)

The situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.59)

Human rights situation in the Islamic Republic of Iraq (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.60)

Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.63)

Report of the Secretary-General on situation of human rights in Myanmar (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.76)

Situation of human rights in Haiti (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.80)

Human rights situation in the Sudan (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.81)

The situation of human rights in Kosovo (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.82)

The situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.86)

Situation of human rights in Rwanda (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.87)

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Documentation

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Documentation

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

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Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.9/Rev.1, through Commission on Social Development)

Report of the Secretary-General on a proposal for a United Nations literacy decade (through the Economic and Social Council) (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.10)

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.2)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the General Assembly resolution on cooperatives in social development (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.11) (through the Economic and Social Council)

Report of the Secretary-General on the appropriate ways and means to observe the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004 (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.12) (through the Economic and Social Council)

Item 3
Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Item 4
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Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Item 5
Advancement of women

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women and girls (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.13)

Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.15)

Report of the Secretary-General on the problem of violence against women migrant workers (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.18)

Item 6
Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Item 7
Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.94)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Item 8
Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Documentation

Item 9
Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Documentation

Item 10
Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid (General Assembly resolution 3380 (XXX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the final outcome of the World Conference (General Assembly resolution 53/132)

Item 11
Right of peoples to self-determination

Item 12
Human rights questions

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Human Rights Committee (General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI))

Report of the Committee against Torture (General Assembly resolution 39/46, annex)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocols to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.52)

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.65)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and terrorism (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.70)

Report of the Secretary-General on national institutions for the protection and promotion of human rights (draft resolution A/C.3/53/L. 77)

Human rights in the administration of justice (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.66)

Report of the Secretary-General on respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes (draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.74)

Report of the representative of the Secretary-General on the protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.68)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and mass exodus (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.78)

Report of the Secretary-General on enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization (draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.83)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Human rights in the administration of justice (draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.66)

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Documentation

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 48/121)

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Documentation

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)

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Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: amendments to draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.62

Human rights and cultural diversity

1. In the first preambular paragraph:

(a) Delete "and the relevant provisions of";

(b) Insert after "Cultural rights," the words "the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,";

(c) Insert after "Racial Discrimination" the words "the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment".

2. Add new preambular paragraph after the existing first preambular paragraph, reading:

"*Welcoming* the designation by the General Assembly, in its resolution 53/22, of the year 2001 as the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations, and recalling General Assembly resolutions 53/117, 53/133 and 53/140 and Commission on Human Rights resolutions 1998/21, 1999/25 and 1999/78".

3. In the existing second preambular paragraph, for the words "that numerous instruments within the United Nations system promote and protect cultural diversity" substitute the words "instruments within the United Nations system which promote cultural diversity as well as the conservation and development of culture".

4. Insert the following preambular paragraph after the existing second preambular paragraph:

"*Reaffirming* the universality of all human rights and fundamental freedoms for all".

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5. In the existing third preambular paragraph:

(a) Delete the words "and nations" after the word "peoples";

(b) Replace the word "mankind" with the word "humankind".

6. Replace the fourth preambular paragraph with the following paragraph:

"*Noting* that in a multi-ethnic, multi-religious and multicultural world, no society is beyond the dangers posed by the absence of tolerance and the violence which this can breed".

7. In the fifth preambular paragraph:

(a) Replace the words "must be respected and preserved" with the words "deserves recognition and respect";

(b) Replace the word "mankind" with the word "humankind".

8. In the sixth preambular paragraph, replace the words "would enhance the right of all peoples and nations to preserve their cultures and traditions and engage in ..." with the words "enhances engagement in ...".

9. In operative paragraph 1:

(a) Replace the words "the right of all groups and nations to" with the words "the importance of being able to";

(b) Replace the words "their cultural heritage and traditions" with the words "the cultural heritage of all people";

(c) Delete the word "international".

10. Insert a new operative paragraph after operative paragraph 1, reading:

"*Emphasizes* that while the significance of national and regional particularities and various historical, cultural and religious backgrounds must be borne in mind, it is the duty of States, regardless of their political, economic and cultural systems, to promote and protect all human rights and fundamental freedoms".

11. In operative paragraph 2, replace the words "peoples and nations will enhance" with the word "enhances".

12. Replace operative paragraphs 3 and 4 with:

"*Underlines* the right of everyone to take part in cultural life and also underlines the right of all peoples to freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development".

13. Replace operative paragraph 5 with:

"*Stresses* the importance of duly taking into account the issue of human rights and cultural diversity during the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations;"